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Re: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXPANSION OF A COMPUTER**  
**U.S. Patent Application No. 08/737,201**  
**My File: T2844US.NAT**

Dear Examiner Loppnow:

Thank you for your time over the telephone regarding expediting the examination of this application. As we discussed, delivered with this letter is the Preliminary Amendment and the Information Disclosure Statement. As you will recall, 37 C.F.R. § 101 provides that a CIP application's order of examination can be based upon its effective filing date, which in this case is March 7, 1995. The client and I appreciate your efforts to expedite the examination of this application after our productive interview last December. Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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